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H.B. No. 1241

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the Houston County Groundwater Conservation District; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subtitle H, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 8805 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 8805. HOUSTON COUNTY GROUNDWATER

CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 8805.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Board" means the board of directors of the district.

(2) "Director" means a member of the board.

(3) "District" means the Houston County Groundwater Conservation District.

Sec. 8805.002. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The district is a groundwater conservation district in Houston County created under and essential to accomplish the purposes of Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Sec. 8805.003. CONFIRMATION ELECTION REQUIRED. If the creation of the district is not confirmed at a confirmation election held before September 1, 2007:

(1) the district is dissolved on September 1, 2007,

1 except that:

2 (A) any debts incurred shall be paid;

3 (B) any assets that remain after the payment of  
4 debts shall be transferred to Houston County; and

5 (C) the organization of the district shall be  
6 maintained until all debts are paid and remaining assets are  
7 transferred; and

8 (2) this chapter expires on September 1, 2010.

9 Sec. 8805.004. INITIAL DISTRICT TERRITORY. The initial  
10 boundaries of the district are coextensive with the boundaries of  
11 Houston County, Texas.

12 Sec. 8805.005. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER GROUNDWATER  
13 CONSERVATION DISTRICT LAW. Except as otherwise provided by this  
14 chapter, Chapter 36, Water Code, applies to the district.

15 [Sections 8805.006-8805.020 reserved for expansion]

16 SUBCHAPTER A-1. TEMPORARY PROVISIONS

17 Sec. 8805.021. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY DIRECTORS. (a)  
18 Not later than the 45th day after the effective date of this  
19 chapter, nine temporary directors shall be appointed as follows:

20 (1) the Houston County Commissioners Court shall  
21 appoint eight temporary directors, with two of the temporary  
22 directors appointed from each of the four commissioners precincts  
23 in the county to represent the precincts in which the temporary  
24 directors reside; and

25 (2) the county judge of Houston County shall appoint  
26 one temporary director who resides in the district to represent the  
27 district at large.

1        (b) Of the temporary directors, at least one director must  
2 represent rural water suppliers in the district and one must  
3 represent agricultural interests in the district.

4        (c) If there is a vacancy on the temporary board of  
5 directors of the district, the authority who appointed the  
6 temporary director whose position is vacant shall appoint a person  
7 to fill the vacancy in a manner that meets the representational  
8 requirements of this section.

9        (d) Temporary directors serve until the earlier of:

10            (1) the time the temporary directors become initial  
11 directors as provided by Section 8805.024; or

12            (2) the date this chapter expires under Section  
13 8805.003.

14        Sec. 8805.022. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF TEMPORARY  
15 DIRECTORS. As soon as practicable after all the temporary  
16 directors have qualified under Section 36.055, Water Code, a  
17 majority of the temporary directors shall convene the  
18 organizational meeting of the district at a location within the  
19 district agreeable to a majority of the directors. If an agreement  
20 on location cannot be reached, the organizational meeting shall be  
21 at the Houston County Courthouse.

22        Sec. 8805.023. CONFIRMATION ELECTION. (a) The temporary  
23 directors shall hold an election to confirm the creation of the  
24 district.

25            (b) Section 41.001(a), Election Code, does not apply to a  
26 confirmation election held as provided by this section.

27            (c) Except as provided by this section, a confirmation

1 election must be conducted as provided by Sections 36.017(b)-(i),  
2 Water Code, and the Election Code. The provision of Section  
3 36.017(d), Water Code, relating to the election of permanent  
4 directors does not apply to a confirmation election under this  
5 section.

6 Sec. 8805.024. INITIAL DIRECTORS. (a) If creation of the  
7 district is confirmed at an election held under Section 8805.023,  
8 the temporary directors of the district become the initial  
9 directors of the district and serve on the board of directors until  
10 permanent directors are elected under Section 8805.025.

11 (b) The two initial directors representing each of the four  
12 commissioners precincts shall draw lots to determine which of the  
13 two directors shall serve a term expiring June 1 following the first  
14 regularly scheduled election of directors under Section 8805.025,  
15 and which of the two directors shall serve a term expiring June 1  
16 following the second regularly scheduled election of directors.  
17 The at-large director shall serve a term expiring June 1 following  
18 the second regularly scheduled election of directors.

19 Sec. 8805.025. INITIAL ELECTION OF PERMANENT DIRECTORS. On  
20 the uniform election date prescribed by Section 41.001, Election  
21 Code, in May of the first even-numbered year after the year in which  
22 the district is authorized to be created at a confirmation  
23 election, an election shall be held in the district for the election  
24 of four directors to replace the initial directors who, under  
25 Section 8805.024(b), serve a term expiring June 1 following that  
26 election.

27 Sec. 8805.026. EXPIRATION OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter

1 expires September 1, 2010.

2 [Sections 8805.027-8805.050 reserved for expansion]

3 SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4 Sec. 8805.051. DIRECTORS; TERMS. (a) The district is  
5 governed by a board of nine directors.

6 (b) Directors serve staggered four-year terms, with four or  
7 five directors' terms expiring June 1 of each even-numbered year.

8 (c) A director may serve consecutive terms.

9 Sec. 8805.052. METHOD OF ELECTING DIRECTORS: COMMISSIONERS  
10 PRECINCTS. (a) The directors of the district shall be elected  
11 according to the commissioners precinct method as provided by this  
12 section.

13 (b) One director shall be elected by the voters of the  
14 entire district, and two directors shall be elected from each  
15 county commissioners precinct by the voters of that precinct.

16 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (e), to be eligible to  
17 be a candidate for or to serve as director at large, a person must be  
18 a registered voter in the district. To be a candidate for or to  
19 serve as director from a county commissioners precinct, a person  
20 must be a registered voter of that precinct.

21 (d) A person shall indicate on the application for a place  
22 on the ballot:

23 (1) the precinct that the person seeks to represent;  
24 or

25 (2) that the person seeks to represent the district at  
26 large.

27 (e) When the boundaries of the county commissioners

1 precincts are redrawn after each federal decennial census to  
2 reflect population changes, a director in office on the effective  
3 date of the change, or a director elected or appointed before the  
4 effective date of the change whose term of office begins on or after  
5 the effective date of the change, shall serve in the precinct to  
6 which elected or appointed even though the change in boundaries  
7 places the person's residence outside the precinct for which the  
8 person was elected or appointed.

9 Sec. 8805.053. ELECTION DATE. The district shall hold an  
10 election to elect the appropriate number of directors on the  
11 uniform election date prescribed by Section 41.001, Election Code,  
12 in May of each even-numbered year.

13 Sec. 8805.054. COMPENSATION. (a) Sections 36.060(a), (b),  
14 and (d), Water Code, do not apply to the district.

15 (b) A director is entitled to receive compensation of not  
16 more than \$50 a day for each day the director actually spends  
17 performing the duties of a director. The compensation may not  
18 exceed \$3,000 a year.

19 (c) The board may authorize a director to receive  
20 reimbursement for the director's reasonable expenses incurred  
21 while engaging in activities on behalf of the board.

22 Sec. 8805.055. BOARD ACTION. A majority vote of a quorum is  
23 required for board action. If there is a tie vote, the proposed  
24 action fails.

25 [Sections 8805.056-8805.100 reserved for expansion]

26 SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES

27 Sec. 8805.101. GROUNDWATER WELLS UNDER RAILROAD COMMISSION

1 JURISDICTION. (a) Except as provided by this section, a  
2 groundwater well drilled or operated within the district under a  
3 permit issued by the Railroad Commission of Texas is under the  
4 exclusive jurisdiction of the railroad commission and is exempt  
5 from regulation by the district.

6 (b) Groundwater produced in an amount authorized by a  
7 railroad commission permit may be used within or exported from the  
8 district without a permit from the district.

9 (c) To the extent groundwater is produced in excess of  
10 railroad commission authorization, the holder of the railroad  
11 commission permit:

12 (1) shall apply to the district for the appropriate  
13 permit for the excess production; and

14 (2) is subject to the applicable regulatory fees.

15 (d) The district may impose a production fee or an export  
16 fee on groundwater produced from a well that was drilled to support  
17 mining activities and that is otherwise exempt from regulation by  
18 the district under Subsection (a) if that groundwater is used for  
19 municipal purposes or by a public utility. Any fee imposed under  
20 this subsection may not exceed the fee imposed on other groundwater  
21 producers in the district.

22 Sec. 8805.102. PROHIBITION ON DISTRICT PURCHASE, SALE,  
23 TRANSPORT, OR DISTRIBUTION OF WATER. The district may not  
24 purchase, sell, transport, or distribute surface water or  
25 groundwater for any purpose.

26 Sec. 8805.103. PROHIBITION ON DISTRICT USE OF EMINENT  
27 DOMAIN POWERS. The district may not exercise the power of eminent

1       (d) In addition to the production fee authorized under this  
2 section, the district may assess an export fee on groundwater from a  
3 well that is produced for transport outside the district.

4       (e) Fees authorized by this section may be:

5           (1) assessed annually; and

6           (2) used to pay the cost of district operations.

7       Sec. 8805.153. EXEMPTION FROM FEES. (a) Except as provided  
8 by Subsection (b), the district may not assess a fee on a well  
9 drilled by a nonprofit rural water supply corporation, water  
10 district, or other political subdivision if the well's production  
11 is for use within the district.

12       (b) The district by emergency order of the board may impose  
13 a reasonable and temporary production fee on a well described by  
14 Subsection (a) if:

15           (1) severe drought or other district emergency makes  
16 the fee necessary; and

17           (2) the term of the order does not exceed 180 days.

18       Sec. 8805.154. LIMITATION ON INDEBTEDNESS. The district  
19 may issue bonds and notes under Subchapter F, Chapter 36, Water  
20 Code, except that the total indebtedness created by that issuance  
21 may not exceed \$500,000 at any time.

22       SECTION 2. (a) The legal notice of the intention to  
23 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this  
24 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a  
25 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,  
26 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished  
27 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,



1 Government Code.

2 (b) The governor has submitted the notice and Act to the  
3 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

4 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed  
5 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor,  
6 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives  
7 within the required time.

8 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this  
9 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect  
10 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled  
11 and accomplished.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

# AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

The State of Texas  
County of Houston

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared the undersigned,

Darlene Morton of the

Houston County Courier, who swore and affirmed that the attached printed is a true and correct copy of the material of which it purports to be a copy as the same appeared in the respective issue(s) of Jan. 13, 2005

Groundwater Conservation District

The correct charge for publication is \$36.00

Darlene Morton

Affiant

The above and foregoing sworn to and subscribed before me by the said affiant this

14 day of January A.D. 20 05.

Jeannine C. Rhone

Notary Public, Houston County, Texas





Bulldog Maceo Mask (32) puts up a short jumper against Diboll as teammate Peter Hopkins (41) looks on.

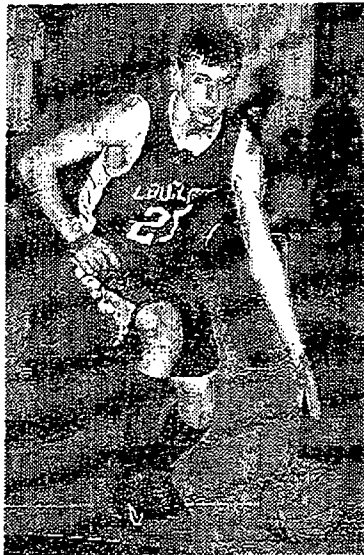
## Lovelady boys topple state-ranked Anderson

The Lovelady Lions knocked off state-ranked Anderson-Shiro, 53-48, in a Tuesday night home game.

Westin Jones led the way with 25 points, followed by Clint Grahn with 9, Javious Brooks with 8, Colton LaRue with 7 and Jonathan Thompson and Jesse Heuszel with 2 each.

For the Owls, Bo Henderson had 22, Tony Uvalle had 8 and Turner 6.

"I thought it was a good victory for our players, I have seen Anderson-Shiro ranked as high as No. 5 in one poll," said Lion head coach Warren Ringland. "They are a very disciplined team that is very well-coached. They are certainly capable of doing some damage in the playoffs this year."

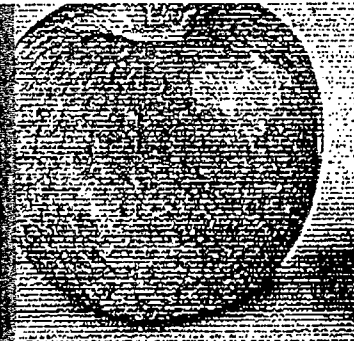


Lion Clint Grahn (25) is shown in recent action.

"We are a young team that struggled early with a pretty tough schedule. I think that  
See LIONS, Pg. A-6

### PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to give notice of intent to introduce in the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Regular Session, a bill to be entitled an Act relating to the creation, administration, power, duties, operations and financing of the Houston County Groundwater Conservation District within the coextensive boundaries of Houston County. The district will not require a permit for wells completed before the District is confirmed; the District will not access fees on wells drilled by nonprofit rural water supply corporations, a water district, or other political subdivisions for use in the District; will be capable of levying or collecting taxes not to exceed three cents on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property; will not be capable of exerting power of eminent; will not be capable of purchasing, selling, transporting or distributing surface or ground water for any purpose. The District may impose reasonable fees for non-exempt wells but the initial fee may not exceed \$0.25 per acre foot for water used for agricultural irrigation or \$0.0425 per thousand gallons of water used for any other purposes. The District will be created under and is essential to accomplish the purposes of Section 59, Article XVI, of the Texas Constitution. Information regarding this Bill may be obtained from the office of the Houston County Judge.



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 1241

Bill Number

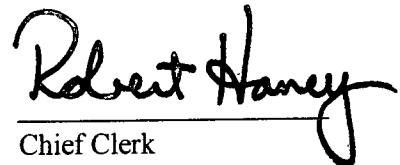
TO: The Honorable Governor of Texas

SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

This is to transmit to you and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality copies of a bill relating to a conservation and reclamation district and copies of the notice of intention to introduce the bill. One copy is for your files and one for you to forward to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, under Section 59(d), Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas.

FEB 21 2005

Date transmitted to  
Governor's Office

  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

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TO: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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Date transmitted to  
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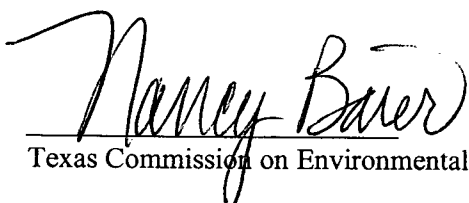
TO: The Honorable Speaker of the House

The Honorable President of the Senate

The Honorable Governor of Texas

SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

Attached are the recommendations of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in compliance with Section 59(d), Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas.

  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Kathleen Hartnett White, *Chairman*  
R. B. "Ralph" Marquez, *Commissioner*  
Larry R. Soward, *Commissioner*  
Glenn Shankle, *Executive Director*



## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

April 5, 2005

The Honorable Tom Craddick  
Texas House of Representatives  
Capitol Station  
PO Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78768-2910

Re: Responsibility of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Pursuant to Article XVI, Section 59(d), Texas Constitution

HB-1241, as Filed by Representative Charles L. "Chuck" Hopson - Relating to the Creation of Houston County Groundwater Conservation District

Dear Speaker Craddick:

The enclosed comments are provided pursuant to the Constitutional requirements referenced above. Under those requirements, the TCEQ must submit, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives, the TCEQ's recommendations on specific legislation affecting water districts. We recommend that these comments be considered in the evaluation of the proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

*for Nancy Bauer*  
Michael D. Cowan, Director  
Water Supply Division

MDC/NB/kwm/ac

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Robert Puente, Chairman, House Natural Resources Committee  
The Honorable Representative Charles L. "Chuck" Hopson, Texas House of Representatives

**H.B. 1241, as Filed by Representative Charles L. "Chuck" Hopson  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Comments**

Subject to a confirmation election, the bill creates the Houston County Groundwater Conservation District (District) providing for the powers, duties, administration, operations and financing of the District. The bill authorizes the District with the powers and duties of Texas Water Code, Chapter 36, related to the general law for Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs).

**Purpose.** Same as general law GCDs under Texas Water Code, Chapter 36, to provide for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of groundwater, and to control subsidence caused by the withdrawal of groundwater. If passed, the Act creating the District will be codified as Special District Local Laws Code, Chapter 8805.

**Location & Size.** The District's boundaries would be coextensive with the boundaries of Houston County. Houston County is not located within a Priority Groundwater Management Area designated by the TCEQ.

**Powers.** Same as general law GCDs under Texas Water Code, Chapter 36 with some limitations as noted under the Comments on Powers/Duties Different from Similar Types of Districts heading below.

**District Finances.** Same as general law GCDs under Texas Water Code, Chapter 36, including issuance of bonds and notes, levying of maintenance tax, assessing of production fees, export fees, and administrative fees. Unlike general law GCDs, the total indebtedness of the District from the issuance of bonds or notes is limited to \$500,000. General law GCDs under Chapter 36 do not have a bond or note indebtedness cap. Similar to general law GCDs, the District would be authorized to assess annual production fees on each well for which a permit is issued by the District based on the size of the column pipe, the amount of water actually withdrawn from wells or the amount authorized to be withdrawn. District production fees may not exceed \$0.25 per acre-foot for water used for agricultural purposes and \$0.0425 per 1,000 gallons of water for any other purpose. Production fees may be increased at a cumulative rate not to exceed three percent per year. Under general law, annual production fees may not exceed \$1 per acre-foot for water used for agricultural purposes or \$10 per acre-foot for water used for any other purpose. Similar to general law GCDs, the District may assess an export fee for groundwater produced from a well for transport out of the District in addition to the production fee. Export fees may be assessed annually and used to pay the cost of District operations. Unlike general law GCDs, the District may not assess a fee, except during a drought or other District emergency, on a well drilled by a nonprofit water supply corporation, water district, or other political subdivision if the well's production is for use within the District.

**Board of Directors.** The District would be governed by a board of nine elected permanent directors serving staggered four-year terms. Unlike general law GCDs, directors would be elected according to the commissioners precinct method with two directors elected from each county commissioners precinct and one director elected at-large. Temporary directors are appointed and are responsible for scheduling and conducting the District's confirmation election. Eight temporary directors are appointed by the Commissioners Court of Houston County and one temporary director is appointed by the County Judge of Houston County. The appointments are to include one representative of rural water supply interests and one representative of agricultural interests in the District. The temporary directors become the initial directors

if the District is confirmed by the voters. Four initial directors would serve until the first permanent directors election and the other five initial directors would serve until the second permanent directors election. The initial directors in each precinct would draw lots to determine which one would serve until the first permanent directors election and which one would serve until the second permanent directors election. In May of the first even-numbered year after the year in which the District is confirmed by election, four permanent directors would be elected. The appropriate number of directors would then be elected in May of each subsequent second year. General law GCDs under Texas Water Code, Chapter 36, have 5 to 11 directors elected by the general precinct method.

**Eminent Domain.** Unlike general law GCDs under Texas Water Code, Chapter 36, the District is not authorized to exercise the power of eminent domain.

**Ability to Tax.** Similar to general law GCDs under Texas Water Code, Chapter 36, including the levy of taxes for the repayment of bonds or notes and the levy of a maintenance tax. Both types of taxes are subject to voter authorization. The District may not may not levy a tax that exceeds \$0.03 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Under Texas Water Code, Chapter 36, the maintenance tax for general law GCDs may not exceed \$0.50 per \$100 assessed valuation and the tax rate for the repayment of bonds or notes is not limited.

**Overlapping Services.** There are no other GCDs in Houston County. The District's boundaries include the service areas of other water utilities and districts with Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CCN). The other known overlapping water supply or sewer-service corporations, investor-owned utilities, or local water districts or authorities are City of Crockett, CCN Nos. 10139 and 20058; Consolidated Water Supply Corporation (WSC), CCN No. 10797; Kennard WSC, CCN No. 10927; Pennington WSC, CCN No. 10108; and, Ratcliff WSC, CCN No. 11337.

The primary functions of GCDs are conservation and management of groundwater resources through data collection, rules and well permitting within their boundaries. These functions do not conflict with the services provided by the overlapping water utilities and districts. While general law in Water Code §36.104 authorizes GCDs to purchase and distribute water, HB1241 specifically prohibits this authority for the District.

**Ability to Exclude Territory.** As with general law for GCDs, there are no provisions to exclude territory.

**Adequacy of Boundary Description.** The District's boundaries would be the same as the county boundaries of Houston County and form a closure.

**Comments on Powers /Duties Different from Similar Types of Districts.** District directors are entitled to receive fees of office of not more than \$50 a day for each day spent performing duties as a director. The fees of office may not exceed \$3,000 per year. These fees of office are less than those authorized under the general law which provide for \$150 per day and a limit of \$9,000 per year. Similar to general law GCDs, water wells drilled or operated under Railroad Commission of Texas permits are exempted from District regulation except where water production exceeds the Commission's permit. Unlike general law GCDs, the

District may assess production or export fees for water produced from mining activities otherwise exempted from regulation if the water is used for municipal purposes or by a public utility. Unlike general law GCDs, the District may not purchase, sell, transport or distribute surface water or groundwater for any purpose. Differing from the requirements of general law, the District is subject to more stringent requirements for cooperation with other groundwater districts within Groundwater Management Area 11 for the northern part of the Carrizo-Wilcox, Sparta, Queen City, and Yegua-Jackson aquifers. These requirements include coordinating data collection, monitoring, and investigations; sharing data; and notification of detections of pollution. The bill provides the Act would take effect immediately if passed by a two-thirds majority in each house. If passed otherwise, the Act would take effect September 1, 2005. The District would be dissolved on September 1, 2007, if it is not confirmed by the voters by this date, and Special District Local Law Code, Chapter 8805 would likewise expire on September 1, 2010.

**TCEQ's Supervision.** Same as for general law GCDs, including bond review authority. The TCEQ's supervision authority as it is related to the District's development and implementation of a management plan would be the same as for general law GCDs. As with general law GCDs, the District would not have to comply with TCEQ financial auditing requirements.



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**FEB 16 2005**

Filed with the Chief Clerk

FEB 21 2005

Read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources

Reported \_\_\_\_favorably (as amended)  
(as substituted)

Sent to Committee on (Calendars)  
(Local & Consent Calendars)

Read second time (comm. subst.) (amended); passed to third reading (failed) by a (non-record vote) (record vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting)

Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend) by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting

Read third time (amended); finally passed (failed to pass) by a (non-record vote)  
(record vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting)

Engrossed

Sent to Senate

CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

**OTHER HOUSE ACTION:**

Received from the House

Read and referred to Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

Reported favorably \_\_\_\_\_

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time

Ordered not printed

Laid before the Senate

Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by (unanimous consent)  
(\_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays)

Read second time, \_\_\_\_\_, and passed to third reading by (unanimous consent)  
(a viva voce vote)  
(\_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays)

Senate and Constitutional 3 Day Rules suspended by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays

Read third time, \_\_\_\_\_, and passed by a (viva voce vote)  
(\_\_\_\_\_ years, \_\_\_\_\_ nays)

### Returned to the House

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

**OTHER SENATE ACTION:**

Returned from the Senate (as substituted)  
(with amendments)

House concurred in Senate amendments by a (non-record vote)  
(record vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting)

House refused to concur in Senate amendments and requested the appointment of a conference committee  
by a (non-record vote) (record vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting)

House conferees appointed: \_\_\_\_\_, Chair; \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Senate granted House request. Senate conferees appointed: \_\_\_\_\_, Chair;  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Conference committee report adopted (rejected) by the House by a (non-record vote)  
(record vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting)

Conference committee report adopted (rejected) by the Senate by a (viva voce vote)  
(record vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays)